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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2871

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: LIGHT DIFFUSING PLATE, OPTICAL ELEMENT, AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, please consider the remarks as set forth on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1,2 5-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-13 [read 1, 2, and 5-13] under §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,825,543 to Ouderkirk et al. (hereinafter Ouderkirk). Applicants respectively traverse this rejection because Ouderkirk fails to teach or suggest all the elements as set forth in the claims.